

MEMO ENDORSED

The Application is granted.

ORDERED:

Paul G. Gardephe, U.S

**Dated:** July 22, 2020

July 21, 2020

## **VIA ECF**

Hon. Paul G. Gardephe United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square, Room 2204 New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Raymond Parker, et. al.,</u> 19 Cr. 789 (PGG) Defendant #20

Dear Judge Gardephe,

I am writing to request permission for Raymond Parker to travel to Laurinburg, North Carolina for up to thirteen (13) days. Mr. Parker's godfather, whom has been in Mr. Parker's life since he was a young child, has recently been hospitalized with a serious health issue. At the moment, there is no discharge date. Mr. Parker would like to visit his godfather and assist in outfitting his godfather's home with the necessary modifications that must be made to the home prior to a discharge from the hospital.

Specifically, Mr. Parker is requesting to leave as soon as practicable if the Court were to grant this application. He would return to the District of New Jersey no later than the evening of August 3, 2020. Mr. Parker has an inperson school obligation that he must attend on August 18, 2020; therefore, that return date is based on the New Jersey State requirement that he quarantine for fourteen (14) days upon his return to the District of New Jersey. Mr. Parker would drive to his godfather's home in Laurinburg, NC where he would stay in the home with only one other adult, the son of his godfather, for the duration of his stay. Mr. Parker would visit his godfather at Scotland Memorial Hospital, also located in Laurinburg, NC

Both Mr. Parker and I have discussed this request with Pretrial Services Officer Assistant Shawn Bostic, and Mr. Parker is aware that in addition to any parameters set by Pretrial Services he must also abide by all state and local COVID-19 laws in both North Carolina and New Jersey as well as all CDC COVID-19 guidelines. Accordingly, Pretrial Services has no objection. I have also discussed this request with the Government, and it has no objection.

If the Court requires any more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my office. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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